



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Holcombe, et al.) Attorney reference: 36502-5
Serial No.: 10/756,989)
Filing Date: 1/14/2004) Examiner: Langel
Title: CONTINUOUS PUSHER-TYPE FURNACING) Art Unit: 1754
SYSTEM FOR THE PRODUCTION OF HIGH-) Conf. No.: 3720
QUALITY BORON NITRIDE)

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.113

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Official Action mailed March 1, 2006. The mailing date of this document is within the three-month statutorily shortened period for response. No fees are due.

Applicants respectfully request that the application be reconsidered in light of the following. Alternatively, Applicants request that the comments be entered to place the application into better condition for appeal.